

**CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE  
FOR RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL PACKAGES**

1.	a. CERTIFICATE NUMBER <b>9979</b>	b. REVISION NUMBER <b>2</b>	c. DOCKET NUMBER <b>71-9979</b>	d. PACKAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER <b>USA/9979/AF-96</b>	PAGE <b>1</b>	OF <b>4</b>	PAGES
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2. PREAMBLE

- a. This certificate is issued to certify that the package (packaging and contents) described in Item 5 below meets the applicable safety standards set forth in Title 10, *Code of Federal Regulations*, Part 71, "Packaging and Transportation of Radioactive Material."
- b. This certificate does not relieve the consignor from compliance with any requirement of the regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation or other applicable regulatory agencies, including the government of any country through or into which the package will be transported.

3. THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED ON THE BASIS OF A SAFETY ANALYSIS REPORT OF THE PACKAGE DESIGN OR APPLICATION

- a. ISSUED TO (*Name and Address*)  
**Battelle Savannah River Alliance, LLC.  
Savannah River Site  
Aiken, SC 29808**
- b. TITLE AND IDENTIFICATION OF REPORT OR APPLICATION  
**Safety Analysis Report Model 9979 Type AF Shipping  
Package application, Revision No. 1, as supplemented.**

4. CONDITIONS

This certificate is conditional upon fulfilling the requirements of 10 CFR Part 71, as applicable, and the conditions specified below.

5.

(a) Packaging

- (1) Model No.: **9979**
- (2) Description

The Model No. 9979 package is composed of one 55-gallon drum overpack and one 30-gallon inner drum.

The 55-gallon drum and its lid, fabricated from 16-gauge carbon steel, include a welded steel liner containing a polyurethane foam for thermal insulation and structural support. When installed, the lid assembly extends into the drum body liner. An EPDM gasket seals the overpack closure. The 30-gallon inner drum, fabricated from 16-gauge carbon steel, is positioned centrally, both radially and axially, within the 55-gallon drum overpack steel liner. The inner drum, which secures the radioactive contents payload, is the containment boundary for the package. A silicon gasket seals the 30-gallon containment drum closure.

Reinforced split-ring devices, fabricated from 12-gauge carbon steel, provide secure closures for both the 30-and 55-gallon drums. Tamper Indicating Devices (TID) can be inserted through the lugs welded at each end of the two split-rings for both the 55-and 30-gallon drums.

Two thermal insulation components, made of a ceramic fiber mat sandwiched and sewn between flexible fiberglass woven cloth, are added to the packaging: a quilted insulation cover, 21 ½ inches in diameter by ½ inch thick is positioned between the 30-gallon and 55-gallon drum closure lid and an insulation bag is installed in the 30-gallon drum.

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The 55-gallon drum is nominally 23 inches in diameter and 34 ½ inches in height. The nominal weight of the overpack (body, closure lid and split-ring closure device) is 174.5 lb. The 30-gallon drum is nominally 18.6 inches in diameter and 29 inches in height. The 30-gallon drum with its lid and the split-ring closure weighs approximately 50 lbs.

The gross weight of a fully loaded package shall not exceed 415 lb.

(3) Drawings

The package is constructed in accordance with the following drawings:

- Drawing No. R-R1-G-00026, 9979 Type AF 30-Gallon Container Split Ring Assembly (U), Rev. 5.
- Drawing No. R-R1-G-0027, 9979 Type AF 55-Gallon Drum Lid Split Ring Assembly (U), Rev. 5.
- Drawing No. R-R1-G-00028, 9979 Type AF 30-Gallon Drum Assembly (U), Rev. 5.
- Drawing No. R-R1-G-00029, 9979 Type AF 55-Gallon Drum Assembly (U), Rev. 5.
- Drawing No. R-R1-G-00030, 9979 Type AF Packaging Assembly (U), Rev. 3.
- Drawing No. R-R2-G-00057, 9979 Type AF 55-Gallon Drum Sub-Assembly and Weldment (U), Rev. 9.
- Drawing No. R-R2-G-00058, 9979 Type AF 30-Gallon Drum (U), Rev. 3.
- Drawing No. R-R2-G-00059, 9979 Type AF 55-Gallon Drum Lid Sub-Assembly and Weldment (U), Rev. 6.
- Drawing No. R-R2-G-00060, 9979 Type AF 30-Gallon Drum Lid with Dual Bung Closures (U), Rev. 4.
- Drawing No. R-R4-G-00062, 9979 Type AF 30-Gallon Drum Lid Gasket (U), Rev. 3.
- Drawing No. R-R4-G-00064, 9979 Type AF Insulation Bag, Rev. 3.
- Drawing No. R-R4-G-00065, 9979 Type AF Insulation Cover Assembly for 30-Gallon Drum, Rev. 3.
- Drawing No. R-R4-G-00163, 9979 Texas A&M AGN 30-Gallon Drum Payload Insert (U), Rev. 1.
- Drawing No. R-R4-G-00164, 9979 Texas A&M AGN 30-Gallon Drum Foam Spacers (U), Rev. 1.

5. (b) Contents

(1) Type and form of material

AGN UO <sub>2</sub> Fuel Form	Size (cm)
Four disks numbered 20497, 20498, 20499 and 204100	Ø25.6 x 4
Three disks numbered 204101, 204102, and 204103	Ø25.6 x 2
Two disks numbered 204104 and 204105	Ø25.6 x 1
One core fuse	Ø3.2 x 1.3
Two safety rods	Ø4.8 x 16
One course rod	Ø4.8 x 16
One fine rod	Ø2.51 x 16

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(2) Maximum quantity of material per package:

Material	Mass (g)
U-235	300
U-238	1,200
Carbon	1,000
Hydrocarbon, e.g., polyethylene, plastics	unlimited
Radioactive material	1,500
Package payload	90,000

(3) Maximum weight of contents:

90 kg.

The AGN contents are contained within and separated by flexible polyurethane disks, as specified on Drawing No. R-R4-G-00164.

Contents are specified to be all material within the 30-gallon drum, including the radioactive and non-radioactive content materials, such as polyethylene and aluminum, the insulation bags, and the dunnage, e.g., polyurethane foam disks.

(4) Maximum decay heat: 1.0 milliwatts

6. The Criticality Safety Index (CSI) is 1.0.
7. Moisture within the payload is limited to a maximum of one weight percent. No free liquid is permitted.
8. All contents and packing/dunnage shall be packaged within a thermal insulation bag in the 30-gallon drum.
9. In addition to the requirements of Subpart G of 10 CFR Part 71:
  - (a) The package shall be prepared for shipment and operated in accordance with the Operating Procedures in Section 7 of the application; and
  - (b) The package must meet the Acceptance Tests and Maintenance Program of Section 8.0 of the application.
10. Package may be shipped as non-exclusive use conveyance. For shipments under this certificate, the package identification number on the nameplate of existing packages shall have the "DOE" marking covered.
11. Transport of fissile material by air is not authorized.

Enclosure

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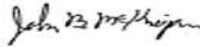
- 12. The package authorized by this certificate is hereby approved for use under the general license provisions of 10 CFR 71.17.
- 13. Expiration date: September 30, 2026.

REFERENCES

Safety Analysis Report Model 9979 Type AF Shipping Package application, S-SAR-G-00002, Revision No.1, dated July 17, 2016. Supplement dated September 15, 2016.

Renewal request letter dated June 18, 2021.

FOR THE U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



Signed by McKirgan, John  
on 09/20/21

John McKirgan, Chief  
Storage and Transportation Licensing Branch  
Division of Fuel Management  
Office of Nuclear Material Safety  
and Safeguards

Date: September 20, 2021





UNITED STATES  
**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

**SAFETY EVALUATION REPORT**  
**Docket No. 71-9979**  
**Model No. 9979**  
**Certificate of Compliance No. 9979**  
**Revision No. 2**

**SUMMARY**

By letter dated June 18, 2021 (ADAMS Accession No. ML21195A395), Savannah River National Laboratory (Savannah River Nuclear Solutions) requested the renewal of U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Certificate of Compliance (CoC) No. 9979, for the Model No. 9979 Type A Fissile radioactive material shipping package.

By letter dated August 26, 2021 (ADAMS Accession No. ML21256A273), Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC requested a change to the certificate holder from Savannah River Nuclear Solutions to Battelle Savannah River Alliance, LLC.

There have been no changes to the package since the last issuance of the CoC. The certificate has been renewed for an additional five years.

**EVALUATION**

Savannah River National Laboratory (SRNL) requested renewal of CoC No. 9979 without changes to the package design, operating procedures, acceptance tests, and maintenance program of the package. SRNL separated from Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC, on June 21, 2021, and, on that date, Battelle Savannah River Alliance, LLC became the new management and operating contractor of SRNL from the U.S. Department of Energy. By letter dated August 26, 2021, Battelle Savannah River Alliance, LLC stated it will assume all responsibilities of the CoC holder.

**CONDITIONS**

The following changes have been made to the certificate:

Item No. 3.a was modified to reflect Battelle Savannah River Alliance, LLC, as the CoC holder.

Condition No. 13 was modified to reflect the new expiration date of the certificate.

**CONCLUSION**

The certificate has been renewed for a five-year term. These changes do not affect the ability of the package to meet the requirements of 10 CFR Part 71.

Issued with Certificate of Compliance No. 9979, Revision No. 2.